

No 12

Tuesday, 19 March 2013

Australia: Anthrax outbreak kills cattle in New South Wales

An outbreak of anthrax has killed 40 cattle in northwestern NSW, the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) says. "Bovine anthrax has been confirmed at two properties in Moree, northwest NSW," a spokesman said in a statement. "Around 40 head of cattle have died as a result of the disease."

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/health/2013/03/19/17/45/anthrax-outbreak-kills-cattle-in-nsw>

Bangladesh: Boy died from Nipah infection

Nipah virus claimed the life of a minor boy at Ghosgati village in Shalikhah upazila on Sunday. Abdullah, 2, son of Akram Ali of the village, died at Jessore General Hospital in the morning. District Civil Surgeon Dr Muhammad Shafiqul Alam said Abdullah had fallen sick after drinking date juice on Thursday.

<http://www.unbconnect.com/component/news/task-show/id-106603>

Cambodia: Six in 10 poultry stall samples H5N1 positive

Sixty per cent of environmental samples taken from poultry stalls in Cambodian markets this year tested positive for avian flu, a study by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the Institut Pasteur du Cambodge, in conjunction with the government, shows. Results from the first seven weeks of the ongoing study showed environmental contamination had tripled from the 20 per cent contamination found by a study of the same markets in Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham and Takeo provinces in 2011, Lotfi Allal, chief technical adviser for the FAO in Cambodia, said yesterday.

<http://www.phnompenhpost.com/2013031561958/National/six-in-10-poultry-stall-samples-h5n1-positive.html>

China: FMD outbreak in Qinghai

China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) said Monday that foot-and-mouth disease infections were confirmed in cows in northwest China's Qinghai Province. A cow farm in Ershilipu Township of Xining reported that two cows showed suspected signs of the disease on March 15, according to the MOA.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-03/18/c_132243379.htm

The outbreak was reported to the OIE, on 18 March 2013.

http://www.oie.int/wahis_2/public/wahid.php/Reviewreport/Review?page_refer=MapFullEventReport&reportid=13147

China: Hong Kong man dies from Streptococcus suis infection

According to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health Saturday, the victim was an 85-year-old man with an underlying medical condition. He developed fever and vomiting on March 2 and was admitted to Kwong Wah Hospital on March 3.

<http://www.theglobaldispatch.com/hong-kong-man-dies-from-streptococcus-suis-infection-first-case-of-the-year-36467/>

China: Additional information on unexplained mortality in pigs

The number of dead pigs retrieved from waters in and near China's financial hub of Shanghai has reached 12,566. Authorities in Shanghai plucked 611 dead pig carcasses Saturday from Huangpu river, which provides drinking water to the city's 23 million residents. In total, 8,965 dead pigs have been found in the river since March 8.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/16/dead-pigs-china-shanghai_n_2890112.html

India: Bird flu spread to Madhepura

The scary Bird Flu contagion has taken Madhepura district within its sweep where more than 800 chickens have perished during the last four days. The avian 'flu viral' was first noticed at Madheli and Jirwa panchayats under Shankerpur block in the district where chickens perished after dozing off and excreting green faeces in some of poultry farms.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/Bird-flu-spreads-to-Madhepura-800-chicken-die/articleshow/18962833.cms>

Indonesia: Bird flu in Batam

Office of Maritime, Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry (KP2K) Batam city again received reports of chickens died suddenly at four different locations in Batam, namely in Duriangkang, Tanjunguma, Punggur and Batuaji. Currently, the team has taken samples KP2K birds in each of the locations to be tested in a laboratory in Pekanbaru. "This week we again received reports of chickens died suddenly in Duriangkang, Tanjunguma, Punggur and Batuaji. Sample was sent to Pekanbaru. Positive or not will be known a week, even a month," said Head of Animal Husbandry Department KP2K Batam city, Sri Yunelly, Monday (18.03.2013).

<http://m.inilah.com/read/detail/1969017/lagi-ditemukan-ayam-mati-mendadak>

Philippines: March is rabies awareness month

The Department of Health-Center for Health (DOH-CHD)-Caraga is commemorating rabies awareness month this March. During the media forum held here recently, Rabies Nurse Coordinator Ms. Lourdes Plaza said rabies remains a public health problem in the Philippines. The annual incidence of rabies from 1987 to 1997 ranged from five to nine cases per million population. Approximately 300 to 600 Filipinos die of rabies every year. In Caraga Region, nine rabies deaths occurred in 2011 and 3 in 2012.

<http://www.pia.gov.ph/news/index.php?article=1701362710683>